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Irene Mason Harper, a short-term resident of this community, who was one of the most surprised persons in the State of New Jersey when she was recently honored by the Golden Rule Foundation as "State Mother of 1948." Currently completing a furlough year here, she and her husband, the Rev. Arthur E. Harper, are preparing to return late this coming summer to India's Punjab—near the Pakistan border—where for the past 33 years as missionaries of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions they have performed wonders in hacking their way through jungles of Indian illiteracy and prejudice.

A native of Metuchen, N.J. and the Wellesley-educated daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman, Mrs. Harper at age 66 feels that going back to the Balkanized subcontinent is a "rare new opportunity to provide a small part of the help desperately and open-mindedly sought by the people of India." The fact that the Harpers' school and the focal point in their lifework—the Moga Training School for Village Workers—is located 80 miles from riot-ridden Lahore fails to perturb a wife and husband both of whom have won the gold Kaisar-I-Hind medal, the highest distinction a grateful government could bestow upon American citizens.

The Harper saga stretches back to August, 1914, when a married couple of three days' standing embarked for India and an astoundingly tough job. Together, while mastering languages and teaching at college level, they came to understand the hopes and fears of Punjab's "little people" and in 1924 started their work at Moga, a unique institution combining a teachers' training unit with a model boarding school for boys. In spite of the skepticism of friends and government inspectors, innovation followed innovation and "Moga Method" and the Harpers became driving forces in Indian education.

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For personifying the spirit of youth and courage, without which there would be small hope for the world of tomorrow; for teaching the dignity of labor in a land that must work out its own salvation; for her tremendous capacity for loving service; she is TOWN TOPICS' nominee for

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### Topics of the Town

**Rain or Shine?** From the broad stairway of Blair Arch, the most talked of man in the U.S. will speak Wednesday night to an audience of several thousand, who will gather before him in a picturesque natural amphitheater. Fresh from Wisconsin and Nebraska and heading confidently into Ohio to battle Senator Taft in the latter's own corner, Harold E. Stassen will make his major New Jersey address in Princeton. He'll be on the air then and earlier in the evening from the Alexander Street home of Senator Smith.

Fair weather will assure an interesting evening for all in a vital presidential year. Rain will make much-maligned Alexander Hall (where Mr. Stassen will go if he speaks inside) look as if a large department store had set up a bargain sale in a telephone booth.

**Early to Bed.** Eight years ago, election workers in several districts here finished tabulating primary ballots, crawled wearily into bed as the sun rose. On Tuesday, the last vote was counted before midnight in one of the lightest presidential primaries in a quarter century.

At a time when party organizations must hold together if they are to make a race of it in the Fall, both Republicans and Democrats did so. Hendrickson walloped Harper, while in Mercer County candidates opposing existing leadership were defeated. Scattered write-in votes for president mentioned many known nationally or only locally, but favored Harold E. Stassen.

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The color combinations are fascinating. Some of the designs bring to mind a vague recollection of something we used to do with paints in school (it wasn't quite finger-painting), which produced wonderful mottled surprises in motifs of many colors. The difference, of course, is that ours came out by accident, while theirs are the result of study, planning, skill and, in many cases, delving into the history of art.

To illustrate what we mean by the historical (also the color combinations), we'll try to let you visualize particular examples. The most simple, but nonetheless effective, is a daytime skirt of pink glazed chintz, bordered by a bird chaser from a Greek vase, with Etruscan dancers, all in black. A white crepe evening skirt, with aqua faille blouse, has a large splashy floral design in aqua and red. One in silk jersey (skirt and blouse are both painted) has a Cretan water plant pattern in gold ombre on aqua. Most striking of all (but strictly not for just *anyone* to wear) is a silk jersey combination of flame and chartreuse, using floating figures from a Chinese flat relief of the Tong dynasty. This one has long sleeves; the others have them short and gathered at the top. All the blouses are decollete and simple.

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## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

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That was about all there was to it. The public already had one eye on Philadelphia, the other on November 9.

**Domestic Tragedy.** Monday morning, Mrs. Frances H. Kell stood in the side yard of her house at 256 Moore Street discussing with neighbors plans for a surprise birthday party to be given Wednesday for her appealing young daughter, Joan, who would be seven. Before the sun set Monday afternoon, she and Joan were lying next to each other in the same yard as a rescue squad worked desperately to save them from death by gas asphyxiation.

When three hours proved unavailing, Police Chief Martin Clausen could list the case only as murder and suicide, stark terms little known to this community. Found in the kitchen by 18-year old Raymond D. Kell, Jr., whose father is an RCA television engineer, they were locked in the house with every jet in the stove turned on. Princetonians in many homes could not but think of the presents left unopened and of the young guests who never came.

**Freedom for Fido.** For dog owners and the dogs whom the quarantine has confined since last December, there was a new hope this week. If 85 percent of Princeton canines are inoculated

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### Saturday, April 24th

- 2:00 p.m.: Lacrosse: Princeton vs. Johns Hopkins; Palmer Stadium.  
5:00 p.m.: Crew Regatta: Compton Cup, Harvard, M.I.T., Princeton, Rutgers; Lake Carnegie. Finish line near Kingston Dam.

### Sunday, April 25th

- 1:00 a.m.: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME: ALL CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR!  
7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.  
9:30 a.m.: "The Fifth Commandment," the Rev. Milton J. Nauss; Lutheran Service, Westminster Chapel.  
11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley Jr.; Trinity Episcopal Church. "Great Expectations," the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; Methodist Church.  
"The Rainbow in The Cloud," the Rev. Dr. Frank S. Niles; First Church.  
"The Cure for a Sick Society," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Second Church.  
"Probation After Death," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.  
University Preacher, Dean Donald B. Aldrich; University Chapel.  
Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall.  
3:00 p.m.: 18th Annual Milbank Memorial Concert; University Chapel.  
7:30 p.m.: Choral Evensong, Trinity Episcopal Church.  
8:00 p.m.: "The Everlasting Yea," the Rev. Dr. Niles; Community Hymn-Singing; First Church.  
8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Monday, April 26th

- 3:30 p.m.: "The Importance of Foreign Trade in U.S. Foreign Policy," Mrs. Quincy Wright, University of Chicago; sponsorship of League of Women Voters; Nassau Street Elementary School.  
8:00 p.m.: "Fathers' Night," Township P.T.A.; Township School.

### Tuesday, April 27th

- 3:30 p.m.: "An Arabian Night," Children's Entertainment; McCarter Theater.  
4:45 p.m.: Special Convocation, Theological Seminary; induction of Dr. Emile Caillet as Stuart Professor; Miller Chapel.  
8:00 p.m.: Open Meeting on proposed \$700,000 Township School; Township Board of Education, Township School.

### Wednesday, April 28th

- 4:00 p.m.: Annual Meeting, Princeton Tuberculosis League; Borough Hall.  
8:00 p.m.: "The Saints in Christ Jesus," the Rev. Dr. Niles; First Church.  
Political Address, Presidential Candidate Harold E. Stassen; Blair Arch, University Campus. (Admission by ticket to Alexander Hall in eventuality of rain.)  
8:15 p.m.: Evening Meeting; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

### Thursday, April 29th

- 2:00 p.m.: Cooking Demonstration, sponsored by N.J. Public Service; Y.W.C.A., Nassau Street.

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## News of the Theatres

### The Playhouse

B. F.'s Daughter (Fri., Sat.) seeks to be sophisticated comedy as it portrays Barbara Stanwyck as the daughter of a strong-willed tycoon (Charles Coburn) who is finally tamed by Van Heflin. Never more than fair.

The Miracle of the Bells (Sun. thru Wed.) is a long, occasionally impressive effort to give voice to the hopes and aspirations of the poor throughout the world—as symbolized by the people of Coaltown, USA. Faith and love emerge triumphant in a story with strong religious undertones. Fred MacMurray, Valli and Frank Sinatra head the bill.

State of the Union (Thurs. thru Wed.) retains most of the good points that made it a Pulitzer Prize-winner on Broadway. Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn provide stand-out performances in a fast-moving piece about crooked politics and the strength of a democracy. Worth seeing.

### The Garden

Elephant Boy (Fri., Sat.) is a reissue of the good adventure story set in India by Rudyard Kipling.

The Naked City (Mon., Tues., Wed.) returns for those who missed Barry Fitzgerald in the superbly-photographed story of a detective at work in New York.

Alias a Gentleman (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) tells of ex-convict Wallace Berry's efforts to go straight despite the double-dealing of Leon Ames, former partner and racketeer. Mediocre at best.

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**Opportunity.** Nearly 100 years ago (in 1854) Commodore Stockton built a large house for his daughter on the corner of Bayard Lane and Hodge Road. The late Grover Cleveland became its subsequent owner, renamed it "Westland" in honor of his friend, Andrew West. President Cleveland died there in 1908.

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